

APPROVED: Meeting No. 3-91

ATTEST: *Sharon A. Gran*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 2-91

January 22, 1991

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on January 22, 1991, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember James F. Coyle

Councilmember Viola D. Hovsepan

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember David Robbins

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Sharon Gran and Assistant City Attorney Sondra Block.

Re: Public Hearing - Ordinance to comprehensively revise the provisions in the Rockville City Code relating to the control and maintenance of animals within the City by repealing in its entirety the existing Chapter 3, entitled "Animals," and enacting a new Chapter 3, entitled "Animals," regulating the keeping, control and maintenance of animals within the City, including, but not limited to, establishing duties and responsibilities of the owners of animals, prohibiting cruelty, providing for impoundment for rabies control, prohibiting dangerous animals within the City, regulating potentially dangerous animals, providing for the enforcement of said requirements and provisions and establishing penalties for violations thereof.

The Mayor and Council conducted a Public Hearing on the Ordinance to comprehensively revise the provisions in the Rockville City Code relating to the control and maintenance of animals within the City. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other persons wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for four weeks, until the close of business on February 19, 1991.

Re: Citizens' Forum

At this time, the Mayor opened the meeting to hear from any citizen who wished to address the Mayor and Council. There being no citizens wishing to be heard, the Mayor closed the Citizens' Forum portion of the meeting.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

Bicycle Helmet Legislation

Councilmember Coyle noted that since the County's proposed legislation would apply in the City, he feels that the City should take a closer look at the law to see if the City has any specific changes to recommend. The City Manager indicated that staff will take another look at the legislation, and Mayor Duncan requested that staff bring back proposed testimony for the City to transmit on this bill.

Letter from Mildred VandenDriessche

Mayor Duncan noted the commendation of two Public Works employees, Eugene Battle and Charles Gassaway, and expressed appreciation for their excellent service to City residents.

Re: New Business

Councilmember Coyle stated that he has been notified of his appointment to the Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the National League of Cities.

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Regarding Governor Schaefer's announcement that he will pursue a State ban on assault weapons, Councilmember Coyle stated that it would be useful for the City to obtain an analysis of this proposed legislation to determine whether the City should take a position in this matter and communicate its support to the Governor. Staff will report back to the Mayor and Council regarding this matter.

Councilmember Hovsepian commented that she has asked staff to prepare additional information regarding the Ritchie Parkway construction and Dogwood Park in the form of history of the Ritchie Parkway process and the acquisition of Dogwood Park. This information is to be made available to the Mayor and Council and public prior to further decisionmaking on land acquisition.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m., to convene again in General Session at 7:30 p.m. on January 28, 1991, or at the call of the Mayor.